Subject No. 315.

Abolition of Loom Tax in Bangalore City.

Summary of discussion.—It is generally desired that Government should sanction the abolition of the Loom tax.

Dewan's reply.—Await the new Municipal Regulation for re-adjustment of taxes.

Subject No. 316.

Providing burial and cremation grounds for the people.

Summary of discussion.—Suitable burial and cremation grounds should be provided near all large villages for the different sections of the community.

Dewan's reply.—This has been done as a rule. Represent by petition where required in individual cases.

Subject No. 317.

Consulting inhabitants of locality before opening Toddy or Arrack Shop.

Summary of discussion.—The inhabitants of a locality should be consulted before any toddy or arrack shop is opened in that locality.

Dewan's reply.—Such shop is not opened newly where the residents object to it.

Subject No. 318.

Improvement of the Minor Municipal and Local Fund Boards.

Summary of discussion.—The constitution of Municipal and Local Fund Boards requires considerable improvement. Members are not invested with powers mentioned in the rules. Some have resigned and some have been struck off the lists for continuous absence. The number left is thus very small. Meetings are not regularly held and when they are held Government servants form the great majority, the official members numbering 15 against 6 non-official members in Bangalore City. There should also be a system by which the various classes of the community may be proportionately represented on the Board. The Vice-President and President should be appointed by the Board.

Dewan's reply.—All these matters will be regulated by the new Municipal and Local Fund Regulations under consideration.

Subject No. 319.

A School for every Petta in the Town.

Summary of discussion.—There ought to be one school for every Petta in the Town. One school for the whole Town is inconvenient as children have to go great distances to it.

Dewan's reply.—Impracticable.

Subject No. 320.

Revision of Mohatarfa Rules.

Summary of discussion.—In the opinion of the Representatives, the revision of the Mohatarfa Rules of 1861 has become absolutely necessary because different interpretations seem to prevail in different parts of the Province. Moreover the rates prescribed in those rules press heavily on petty traders. It is necessary to exempt from shop tax all traders whose capital in trade is less than Rs. 50.

Dewan's reply.—The proposed Municipal Regulation contains needful provision in this matter.